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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: RESULTS OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

1. THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS PICKED UP WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 6 AT THE SAME PLACE THEY ENDED ON TUESDAY EVENING (SEE VIENNA 2712). THE DISCUSSION TURNED FIRST TO THE QUESTIONS OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT AN FREEDOM OF PROPERTY. ONAN WAS MUCH MORE T EASE IN DISCUSSING THESE POINT , AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY ND EXPAND HIS PREVIOUS REMARKS. HE INDICATED THAT THE TURKI H CYPRIOTS WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN PRINCIPLE IN NORTHERN CYPRUS, BUT IMPLEMENTATION WOULD HAVE TO COME SLOWLY AS THE TURKI H-CYPRIOTS LEARNED TO LIVE COOPERATIVELY WITH THEIR GREEK NEIGHBORS. PAPADOPOULOS, TOO, RESPONDED MORE GENEROUSLY, STATING THAT THE GREEKS HAD NO INTENTION OF SENDING HORDES OF REFUGGEES NORTH, BUT
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WOUL ESTABLISH LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR GREEK-CYPRIOTS TO REMAIN IN THE SOUTH. WHAT THE GREEKS REQUIRED, WAS SOME DEGREE OF RECIPROCITY AND COOPERATION FROM THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN ESTABLISHING THE PRINCIPL AND THE POSSIBILITY OF RETURN FOR REFUGEES. ONN SAID THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE BUT THAT IT WOULD BE USELESS TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT IN ANY

DETAIL NOW, SINCE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE THE LINE BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD BE BEFORE ONE DISCUSSED WHO WOULD OR WOULD NOT GO BACK TO SOME VILLAGE. SIMILARLY, WHETHER A GREEK WANTED TO LIVE IN THE TURKISH AREA DEPENDED, TO SOME EXTENT, ON WHAT KIND OF A GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE EMERGED IN THE TWO AREAS. THUS, THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION OF "PRINCIPLES" WAS PREMATURE.

2. PAPADOPOULOS, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY NOT SATISFIED, CHANGED THE SUBJECT TO THE QUESTION OF FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID HE HAD STUDIED THE TURKISH PROPOSALS CAREFULLY, AND ON THE ADVICE OF OUTSIDE FRIENDS (UNNAMED) HE HAD SOUGHT TO DEVELOP INDIVIDUAL SUPPLEMENTS AND CHANGES WHICH COULD BE USED TO AMEND THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT DRAFT. THIS HAD TURNED OUT TO BE AN IMPOSSIBLE UNDERTAKING. THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT AND GREEK CYPRIOT CONCEPTS COULD NOT BE BRIDGED IN THIS WAY. ACCORDINGLY, SAID PAPADOPOULOS, HE HAS DECIDED TO TABLE A "NEW DOCUMENT" WHICH COULD SERVE, NOT AS A COUNTER-PROPOSAL, BUT AS AN INDICATION OF GREEK-CYPRIOT THINKING OF HOW A FUTURE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED (DRAFTED IN SEPTEMBER).

3. THE MORNING SESSION ENDED WITH A BRIEF EXCHANGE ON A FINAL COMMUNIQUE AND SOME DISCUSSION OF WHEN NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT RESUME IN NICOSIA. AMBASSADOR DE CUELLAR SUGGESTED THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY. THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TENTATIVELY AGREED, BUT PAPADOPOULOS

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SAID HE PREFERRED MAY 16 OR LATER. THE MATTER WAS TO BE PURSUED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ALONG WITH A BRIEF, FINAL DISCUSSION OF THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION. THE THURSDAY MORNING MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO ONAN'S REPLY TO THE GREEK-CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL "DOCUMENT". IF THERE IS THEN TIME IN THE MORNING, THE COMMUNIQUE WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN. ONCE AGREEMENT ON A TEXT IS REACHED (EITHER ON THURSDAY MORNING OR AFTERNOON) THIS ROUND OF TALKS WILL BE OFFICIALLY CLOSED. MEEHAN

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